

WASHINGTON STATE FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 20th, 2007 10:00am

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Washington State Fire Defense Committee was held via conference call on Tuesday November 20, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

Present at the meeting were:

Central Region:	Tedd Hendershot, Steve North
Lower Columbia Region:	
Mid Columbia Region:	
Northeast Region:	Bill Walkup, Bruce Holloway
Northwest Region:	
Olympic Region:	
South Puget Sound Region:	Jim Jaques, Dan Smith
Southeast Region:	Bob Gear
Southwest Region:	Tom McDowell
WSP Fire Protection Bureau:	Dan Johnson, Paul Perz
DNR:	
EMD:	
FPPB:	

Guests:

Chair Bill Walkup called the meeting to order at 10:00. The agenda was approved.

MINUTES

- The minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting were not approved – they will be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

REPORTS

- **Fire Protection Bureau (Paul Perz)**

Paul reported that State Fire Marshal Mike Matlick is supportive of taking on the credentialing piece for Type 3 Incident Management Teams. This would include maintaining a database of training records for those personnel. There will need to be an understanding of expectations and discussion about the pitfalls or problems that we may face.

Captain Greg Miller of the WSP, will be attending the Fire Mobilization Meetings on a regular basis starting in January. His attendance will be to gain a better understanding of what the Fire Defense Committee is about and how it works. Captain Miller will be leading the WSP efforts on the Law Enforcement Mobilization Plan.

Comments:

Everyone thought this was a good idea. The closer we work together the better off we are.

Policy Board:

Paul said the all risk mobilization issue has gone to Gary Austin for finalization prior to action. Bruce Holloway clarified that the issue was a budget language issue not a legislative matter and that it is to be in the Governor's Budget out in November.

They are continuing to work on the web site. They are working with the Dept of Information Systems to make it a workable and interactive system. He indicated that it may take some time.

- **Emergency Management (Ron Wilson)**

No Report

Department of Natural Resources

No Report

- **Fire Protection Policy Board**

Paul Perz reported that the Training Committee has had discussions on how to better prepare materials when presenting them at the Policy Board. They feel like they rehash the same materials during the work sessions and then at the regular meetings. The goal is to have materials presentable in a package that can be voted on.

- **Geographic Board (Walkup)**

Bill Walkup advised there will be a meeting in Ellensburg next Monday and Tuesday to select the Incident Commanders for 2008.

Notice will be out shortly on the selections.

The next meeting after that will be in Spokane on January 9 and 10, 2008 for team selections.

- **PNWCG**

Paul Perz reported that Mike Matlick and Paul will be alternating attending the Steering Committee meetings. There was a request from the Type 2 Incident Commanders to be a part of the Steering Committee. After discussion it was decided that a Type 2 Incident Commander working group needs to be developed.

The Training Workgroup presented a plan for the 2008 training. Paul praised the work this group has done. He will be forwarding the training plan to Bill Walkup.

- **All Risk Legislation Changes**

Bill Walkup sent out an updated document this morning prior to the conference call.

Paul Perz stated that Mike Matlick has had several meetings with Mike Brown and input from several others was sought in submitting this to Garry Austin at OFM.

Bill provided some background on the document. This language attempted to clarify the intent of the funding. This language was seen as a good thing as it provides more funding than has been available in the past.

ACTIVE ISSUES

- **Chair and Vice Chair Action:**

Bill Walkup notified the members that Randy Johnson's Board of Commissioners expressed some reservations about Randy moving into the Fire Defense Committee Chair position at this time.

Dave LaFave has agreed to assume the Fire Defense Committee Chair position for 2008 and Randy will be the Vice-Chair.

Comments:

Bruce Holloway – This will be a good fix. The change was unanimously approved.

- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.